

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-19 and 21-26 are pending in the application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-19 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kovesdi et al. (U.S. Publication 2003/0155413) in view of Willins et al. (U.S. Publication 2005/0108646).

Please amend Claims 1, 9 and 18 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 1, 9 and 18 under §103(a), the Examiner states that Kovesdi et al. in view of Willins et al. renders the claims unpatentable. Kovesdi et al. discloses a system and method for authoring and providing information relevant to a physical world; and, Willins et al. discloses a telemetric contextually based spatial audio system integrated into a mobile terminal wireless system.

Claims 1, 9 and 18 have been amended to recite, in part, consulting the directional tags to audibly present each class from a different position in space relative to a user and based on the directional tags.

Amended Claim 1 recites a method for presenting and browsing information, comprising the steps of classifying the information into a plurality of classes and sub-classes, each class having at least one sub-class; directional tagging said classified information with directional tags for spatial presentation; consulting the directional tags to audibly present each class from a different position in space relative to a user and based on the directional tags; and interactively controlling the presentation of the sub-classes, comprising the steps of receiving an input command from the user, said input command containing information identifying a position in space from which a class was presented; and presenting sub-class information of the class identified by said input command.

Claim 1, in part, recites that each class is audibly presented from a different position in space relative to the user. That is, the classes are audibly presented from different locations

relative to the user, for example, from in front of the user, from the left of the user, from behind the user, from above the user, etc. The user is within a 3-dimensional audio presentation field. Then, through the use of the directional-based input commands, the user can further browse the information being presented.

Kovesdi only discloses a 2-dimensional display, which is clearly different from the claims of the present application.

Willins teaches a system where the audio is presented from the headset. The actual presentation of the audio in the headset does not change regardless of the location of the object being described to the user; there is no 3-dimensional directional aspect of the audio output relative to the user.

Since amended Claims 9 and 18 recite features similar to those recited in Claim 1, the arguments set forth above with respect to Claim 1 also apply to Claims 9 and 18.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12-19 and 21-26 under §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 9 and 18 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 5-8, 13-17 and 22-26, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 5-8, 13-17 and 22-26 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 5-9, 13-18 and 22-26, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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